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- At the end of October 1951, officers and non-commissioned officers of the 1912-1920 classes were recalled for four (sic) days training. The recall affected 3,000 men, including 700-800 officers, of the infantry, engineers, and demolition engineers. Only part of the classes were recalled, and there was no apparent selection pattern.
- 2. The classes recalled were trained exclusively in fortification work. The first two weeks of the training period were concerned with theory and dealt with:
 - a. Modern-type fortifications;
 - b. Material used in construction of fortifications; and
 - c. Construction of fortifications and gun emplacements.
- The initial phase of the training took place in the barracks of L Demolitions Engineers Regiment, Sofia. Instructors were Bulgarian and Soviet officers and Bulgarian non-commissioned officers. Subsequently, practical field exercises were conducted using fortifications which were being constructed by "Voluntary Work Brigades" along the Bulgarian-Yugoslav border, in the area between Dragoman and Polegiitsa (sic).

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Comment: Probably forty is meant.

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